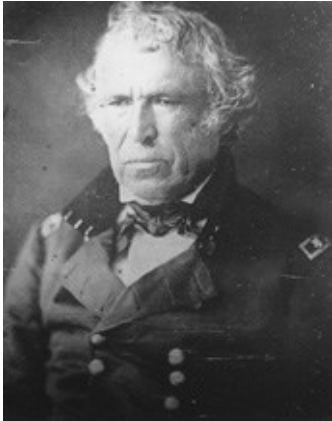


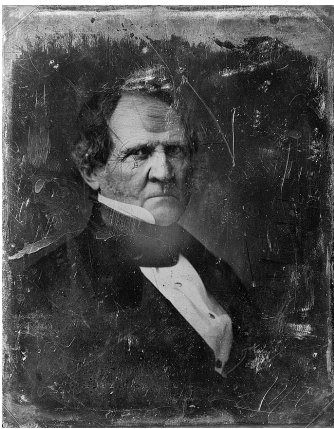
GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR (1784-1850)



General Taylor never wore uniform, but dressed himself entirely for comfort. He moved about the field in which he was operating to see through his own eyes the situation. Often he would be without staff officers, and when he was accompanied by them there was no prescribed order in which they followed. He was very much given to sit his horse side-ways with both feet on one side—particularly on the battle field.

Write one word that describes General Taylor. _____

GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT (1786 -1866)



General Scott . . . always wore all the uniforms prescribed or allowed by law when he inspected his lines; word would be sent to all divisions and brigade commanders in advance, notifying them of the hour when the commanding general might be expected. This was done so that all the army might be under arms to salute their chief as he passed. On these occasions he wore his dress uniform, cocked hat, aiguillettes, saber and spurs. His staff proper, besides all officers constructively on his staff—engineers, inspectors, quarter masters, etc., that could be spared—followed, also in uniform and in prescribed order. Orders were prepared with great care and evidently with the view that they should be a history of what followed.

Write one word that describes General Scott. _____

Grant also learned from the communication styles of the two Generals. He noted:

Taylor was not a conversationalist, but on paper he could put his meaning so plainly that there could be no mistaking it. He knew how to express what he wanted to say in the fewest well-chosen words, but would not sacrifice meaning to the construction of high-sounding sentences.

General Scott was precise in language, cultivated a style peculiarly his own; was proud of his rhetoric; not averse to speaking of himself, often in the third person, and he could bestow praise upon the person he was talking about without the least embarrassment.

Despite the differences in communication between each General, what lesson do you think that Ulysses learned from both Generals about communication?

Ulysses' last observation of both Generals was:

But with their opposite characteristics both were great and successful soldiers; both were true, patriotic, and upright in all their dealings. Both were pleasant to serve under—Taylor was pleasant to serve with.

What words does Grant use to emphasize the differences in both Generals? What do you think that emphasis means?

On a separate paper, write a paragraph or draw a picture of someone you have taken time to observe. Think about what drew your attention to this person. What was it about the person that made an impact on you?